

TWENTY-FOUR SHIPS SUNK OR TAKEN BY ADMIRAL TOGO. ROJESTVENSKY CAPTURED

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS OFFICIALLY MADE

Only Two of Russian Fleet,
One Swift Cruiser and a
Torpedo Boat, Escaped
to Vladivostok--Vice-Ad-
miral's Flagship Among
the First Sunk.

ADMIRAL ROJESTVENSKY A PRISONER OF JAPS

Severely Wounded, the Vice-
Admiral Was Taken From
One of the Russian Torpedo
Boat Destroyers, to Which
He Escaped From His
Sinking Flagship.

The triumph of Admiral Togo and the disaster to the Russian fleet are both growing as further particulars of the battle are received. It now appears that several of the Russian warships were driven ashore off the coast of Tsushima and the adjacent provinces of Japan. There were many dead and wounded aboard these vessels. Twelve hundred of the wounded have been taken to Sasebo.

Late advices indicate that the annihilation of the Russian fleet has been practically accomplished. According to the latest reports from Vice Admiral Togo to his government the loss to the Russians in ships sunk or captured now numbers twenty-four. While full particulars are not yet known the admiral says that none of his big fighting ships was seriously damaged.

Vice Admiral Rodjestvensky is a prisoner in the hands of the Japanese. The Japanese are reported to have followed ships which got away after the first engagement and have sent them to the bottom or effected their capture. Two ships alone of Vice Admiral Rodjestvensky's powerful flotilla, the swift cruiser Almaz and the torpedo boat destroyer Grozny have reached Vladivostok in safety.

Now that the battle has been fought, there are two questions to be answered. One of these is chiefly of interest to diplomats. Will the Russian government, its sea power gone, persist in continuing the struggle? The other question relates to the character of the battle itself. Naval officers are asking how the Japanese admiral succeeded in dealing such enormous destruction to a nominally equal fleet with so little damage to himself? Whether his heaviest blows were struck with torpedoes, with mines or with shells from the heavy guns aboard his battleships, will have much to do in determining the future of naval warfare.

When the Russian fleet was seen approaching the Korea Strait, on Saturday morning, Admiral Togo received prompt word from his scouts between Tsushima and Quelpert Island. His fleet was at Masampo. Two hours later a wireless message told him that the Russians were passing through the eastern channel, between Tsushima and Japan. He left his base and steamed full speed around the northern end of Tsushima, and when he doubled the island saw the Russians coming in two columns. With a terrific fire on the head of the starboard column, which was composed of the battleships, he threw the Russians into despair. Continuing his assault he forced them steadily eastward toward the Japanese coast.

Here the Japanese admiral let loose a swarm of torpedo boats. Repeated attacks were delivered. Every vessel that flew the Japanese flag was engaged in the assault. Some of the Russian ships were sunk at once. Others were driven ashore, where they hoisted the white flag. Still others escaped for a time only to be followed and destroyed.

CLINGING LIKE WASPS.

Japanese Torpedo Boats Surrounded Russian Big Vessels.

St. Petersburg, May 31.—The cruiser Almaz and the destroyer Grozny which

escaped to Vladivostok report that under orders they separated from the main fleet before the end of the battle Saturday. The last view they had of the Japanese torpedo boats were clinging to the heavily pressed Russian battleships and cruisers like wasps.

The officers of the Almaz say that before the fog shut out the contestants from view they saw two Japanese battleships sink and two cruisers seemed ready to plunge to the bottom.

TOGO CONGRATULATED.

Japanese Naval Minister Sends Message to Him and His Men.

Tokio, May 31.—A message congratulating Admiral Togo and his men sent today by Admiral Yamamoto, minister of the navy, concludes: "We send congratulations and take the occasion to praise the virtue of the Emperor to thank you and those under you for the onerous service extending over so many months, and to express sympathy for the killed and wounded."

AFTER ANOTHER PRIZE.

Japanese Go to Capture Smolensk in Mouth of Yangtze River.

London, May 31.—A Shanghai dispatch says that a cruiser squadron of the Japanese fleet is leaving for the mouth of the Yangtze river, where the Russian cruiser Smolensk is reported lying. It is supposed that the purpose of the Japanese is to capture or sink the Russian vessel.

ANOTHER BATTLE NOW IN PROGRESS

Kamimura, Says Russian Authority, Attacked Remnant of Russian Fleet Which Escaped Togo.

Paris, May 31.—A report from St. Petersburg says that Admiral Kamimura has engaged the remnant of the Russian fleet which escaped from destruction of the previous battle. The fighting is still in progress.

SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

Officially Announced That Rodjestvensky Is Captured.

Tokio, May 31.—It is officially announced that Admiral Rodjestvensky has been captured, and that he is seriously wounded. It is also officially announced that the flagship Kniaz Souvaroff, the swift cruiser Almaz and the torpedo boat destroyer Grozny have reached Vladivostok in safety.

CONFIRMATORY REPORT.

Rodjestvensky Was Captured by the Japs at Fumi Yesterday.

London, May 31.—The Daily Mail's Tokyo correspondent, cabling under date of May 30, says: "When the Kniaz Souvaroff was sunk Admiral Rodjestvensky was transferred to another vessel, but was captured off Fumi today. He is said to be severely wounded in the arm. Admirals Nebogatoff and Voelkers, also, are prisoners. 'Nearly all of the ships of the Russian fleet have been either sunk or captured.'"

JAPANESE LOSSES ARE ANNOUNCED

Three Torpedo Boats Were Sunk, Three Officers Were Killed and 200 Men Killed or Disabled.

Washington, May 31.—Minister Grieco cables from Tokio: "Rodjestvensky's skull was fractured, requiring an operation. He is in a serious but not dangerous condition." "The total Japanese losses were three torpedo boats sunk, three officers killed, and about 200 men killed and disabled."

THE RUSSIAN VERSION.

How the Two Fleets Met—Rodjestvensky's Battleship Sunk.

Vladivostok, May 31.—According to the officers of the Almaz, which was one of only two boats to reach Vladivostok, the fleet under Rodjestvensky met the Japanese in the Strait of Korea, near Tsu island and the opposing fleets immediately closed in. Being lightly armored, the Almaz, as had been ordered by Admiral Rodjestvensky before the battle, separated itself from the main fleet at the first opportunity and headed for Vladivostok soon after the commencement of the action, but not too soon to observe that the losses on both sides in the Titanic combat were great.

Early in the battle an officer of the Almaz, while watching Rodjestvensky's flagship, the battleship Kniaz Souvaroff, for a signal, saw the flagship shudder

from stem to stern, as if under a blow from a gigantic hammer and hesitate in her course, while the waves rose high from her armored sides. Then she commenced to list and sink. On the Japanese side two battleships had gone down before their eyes and two cruisers, their sterns high out of water, seemed ready to plunge foremost to the bottom of the sea.

PERFECT HAIL OF SHOT.

Jap Torpedo Boats Played Important Part in Attack.

St. Petersburg, May 31.—Other private despatches from Vladivostok say the Russians lost twelve warships sunk and captured, during the engagement. According to these reports the Japanese torpedo boats played the principal role in the defeat of the Russian fleet. They were sent in for action again and again under a perfect hail of shot from the Russian rapid firing guns. More than one-half of the Japanese flotilla of torpedo boats was sunk.

REACHED VLADIVOSTOK.

Destroyer Grozny Has Eluded the Japanese Pursuers.

St. Petersburg, May 31.—News of the arrival of the torpedo boat destroyer Grozny at Vladivostok reached here this morning. In government circles the most amazing indifference is shown regarding the great disaster to the Russian fleet. Last night the admiralty was entirely deserted, all the officers having either gone to their villas or being spectators at the theatres.

Says He Is Wounded.

London, May 31.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Standard asserts that Mmo. Rodjestvensky, wife of the commander of the Russian fleet, has received a telegram from Vladivostok signed by her husband, saying that he had arrived on board the cruiser Almaz and that he was severely wounded in the neck, back and abdomen.

TO STAY AT WOOSUNG.

Six Russian Transports Consent to Internment.

Shanghai, May 31.—The six Russian transports which put into Woosung, the port of Shanghai, on May 25, have consented to internment there till the close of the war.

RUSSIAN ARMY IS IN REVOLT

Manchurian Troops Hear of Rodjestvensky's Defeat — Linevitch Advises Czar to Stop War.

London, May 31.—A St. Petersburg despatch says that General Linevitch wired the Czar today that the news of Rodjestvensky's defeat caused open revolt among the troops in Manchuria. The despatch caused great excitement and comes from an authoritative source. It is said in some sources that General Linevitch has advised the Czar that it will be impossible to continue the war under the circumstances.

Denies Loss of One Ship.

St. Petersburg, May 31.—The admiralty denies that the cruiser Gromoboi of the Vladivostok squadron has been blown up.

THOROUGHLY EXHAUSTED.

Captain and Crew of the Yacht Atlantic at Southampton.

Southampton, May 31.—The Atlantic arrived here this morning. The members of the crew are thoroughly exhausted. Captain Barr himself is almost worn out, not having slept for 48 hours.

VALHALLA SIGHTED.

English Yacht Will Probably Be the Third Boat in Ocean Race.

Sicily Island, May 31.—The English yacht Valhalla was sighted twenty miles southwest of this station at 11.40 this morning. She probably will be the third in the ocean race.

WON THE DERBY.

Cicero, Unbeaten, Beat Out Field of Nine This Afternoon.

London, May 31.—Lord Roseberry's unbeaten horse, Cicero, with Maher up, won the Derby at Epsom Downs this afternoon. Nine horses ran. M. Blane's Jardy, ridden by Stern, took second place, and Signorine, with Cannon up, was third.

QUARTER MILLION LOSS BY FLAMES

Minnesota Town Lost Nineteen Business Houses and Three Dwellings Today, Says Minnesota Despatch.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 31.—Nineteen business houses and two dwellings were burned today at Wairoard, Minn. The loss is \$250,000.

A TRIBUTE TO VETERANS

Memorial Day Exercises In Barre Yesterday.

ADDRESS BY REV. BROWN

Graves of Veterans of Three Wars Decorated in the Forenoon, Followed by Public Exercises in the City Hall.

The 38th Memorial Day anniversary was most appropriately and successfully observed in this city yesterday by the R. B. Crandall Post, No. 56, G. A. R., and Spanish-American War veterans. Though the annual Memorial Day rain did not fall, threatening clouds hung in the sky and shut out the sun a good part of the forenoon.

The Parade.

The parade was participated in by nine different bodies of men who were formed at Depot Square under the command of Capt. Joe W. Jackson, chief marshal, assisted by G. M. Willey, Ned J. Roberts and Alex. Bruce, as assistant marshals. The procession was formed as follows: Marshals; police force, Chief Brown and Patrolmen Hamel, Faulkner and Carle; Transatlantic band; Company E, V. N. G., under command of Capt. P. J. Rogers; St. Alderman Commandery, Knights Templar, Dr. E. B. Whitaker in charge; Modern Woodmen, Chief Forester Gilbert Phillips in command; R. B. Crandall Post, G. A. R., A. F. Dodge, commander; Spanish-American War veterans, in charge of Capt. E. J. Badger; Mayor William Barclay and the city councilmen, J. J. McKenzie, Frank Burke, B. Alibetti, E. J. Sowden, Alexander Milne and James Adie in teams, followed by teams carrying Grand Army veterans to feeble to walk and the flowers for decorating the graves.

The number of graves decorated in the three cemeteries of the city are as follows: Elmwood, Revolution, eight; War of 1812, forty-two; the Rebellion, fifty-five; Spanish-American War, two; Hope cemetery, the Rebellion eight; Spanish-American War, three; Catholic cemetery, the Rebellion, three; Spanish-American War, one. The Williamstown cemetery, Spanish-American War, one. The procession marched to Elmwood cemetery where they broke ranks until the graves were decorated, and after giving a salute to the dead, the return march was made to the City Hall, where exercises were held and the orator of the day, Rev. C. J. Brown of Cabot, gave his address.

The Address.

The exercises in the hall were begun at 11:15. They were poorly attended, there being scarcely 200 people present. The stage was prettily decorated with flags and flowers. Seated on the stage were Commander A. F. Dodge, Adjutant L. H. Thurston, Rev. C. J. Brown, Rev. C. C. Conner, Rev. R. F. Lowe, Charles A. Wishart and the quartette of the Congregational church, Mrs. B. W. Braloy, Miss Maude E. Harris, H. S. Chapman and George Inglis. The order of exercises was: Reading of the general order by Adjutant L. H. Thurston; salute to the dead by the G. A. R.; tribute to the unknown dead by Chaplain A. J. Baldwin; selection by the quartette; reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg address, by Charles Wishart; prayer by the Rev. C. C. Conner; singing, "America"; address by Rev. C. J. Brown.

Mr. Brown's remarks were most interesting, as well as most impressive. He paid a glowing tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic and to the noble work done by the Vermont troops in the war and also spoke of an urgent need for a more general observance of Memorial Day by the public. In opening his address he said: "My heart is full of sadness when I look into this great room and see so few people, but there is one bright fact and that is that there are so many young people present, who are to be the future citizens of this country. I am a stranger in a strange city. I was never in your city until this morning. I need your sympathy and you need to bear with me."

This is a sacred day, declared the speaker. There is no day more sacred than this. I believe that there should be a law enacted to make this day sacred and to forbid there being anything done on Memorial Day that is not allowed on Sunday. This day is set apart as the nation's mourning day, and it should be so observed.

Continuing, the speaker said we may talk about the loss of our great men but I want to tell you that I look upon you with just as much feeling as I do the generals who ordered you to face the bullets. I believe that the greatest heroes of a war are the common soldiers. I like to think of the great generals and their triumphs but I also like to think of you, who in one sense made their glory. The Army of the Potomac, said he, was the best army that the world has ever yet seen. Give General McClellan the honor of being the greatest organizer and driller of the war, though he was too tender hearted to lead his army against the enemy.

He spoke of the loyal, patriotic women in the homes who, he said, bore more suffering and sacrificed more than you did in the field. You went down there to work for \$13 a month, while at home there were men eager to grasp all the chances to coin money and at night would sit around the fire with their fragrant cigars and wonder why Mc-

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AGAIN EMERGES FROM SHADOW OF GALLOWS.

SCORE 46 TO 4.

Base Ball Game, So-called, on the Goddard Campus Yesterday.

The score was 46 to 4. Two ball teams from Company E played a game on the Goddard campus yesterday, "Capt." Wyllie winning from "Capt." Taylor. Much amusement was furnished the crowd of fifty who witnessed the game. There were many costly errors by both sides, but Capt. Taylor's men ran up the unfortunate number of thirteen. Capt. Wyllie made a reputation as a southpaw of no mean ability, and Bruce made an excellent backstop for him. Brown did fine work for Taylor's men, it being said that he completely mastered the "spit ball."

Capt. Taylor's men scored in all except one inning, and the most they accumulated at one chance was ten. There were two bunches of nines. The score: Wyllie's 4 10 9 5 0 5 1 3 9—46 Taylor's 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 2—4

Informal Golf Match.

Capt. Mackay and Peters played a golf match at the Barre links yesterday afternoon, with the following result:

Mackay	.....1	Peters	.....0
Lynde	.....0	Reid	.....3
Hutchinson	.....0	Nichols	.....4
Howe	.....0	Mathews	.....0
Rhind	.....0	Milne	.....2
Mercer	.....10	Davidson	.....0
Totals	.....11	Totals	.....9

Mary Rogers is Again Reprieved by Governor Bell This Afternoon, On Advice of the Vermont Supreme Court.

ALMOST ON THE EVE OF EXECUTION DAY

Chief Judge Rowell This Morning Denied Application for Filing Writ of Error, Which Was Presented Yesterday.

Once more Mary Rogers steps out from under the very shadows of the gallows.

The execution of the murderess of her husband, set for day after tomorrow



MARY M. ROGERS.

TOOK BOTH GAMES.

Woodmen or Graniteville Are Adding to Their Laurels.

Graniteville, May 31.—The Woodmen's ball team played a double-header with the East Barre Grange yesterday and won both the contests. The first, played here, was won by a score of 29 to 8, and the second, at East Barre, by the score of 11 to 9. Jenkins who pitched the first game for the Woodmen, gave seven hits and struck out twelve men. Doyle who opposed him in the box, was hit heavily, eighteen hits with a total of 28 bases.

In the afternoon game, Comusky of the Woodmen struck out fifteen and gave nine hits. Woodward, for East Barre, struck out seven and was hit eleven times.

JUSTICES CAN SENTENCE.

When Man Pleads Guilty to Illegal Sale of Liquor.

Justices of the peace have the right to sentence to the house of correction for illegal selling of liquor when the respondents plead guilty to the offense. This decision was handed down today by the Vermont supreme court, in the Demarco case from Northfield, in which habeas corpus proceedings were brought some time ago to determine the justice's rights. Demarco had pleaded guilty to selling and had been sentenced to the house of correction.

Supreme court then took final adjournment for this term of court.

DEATHS NEAR TOGETHER.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Gallup of South Royalton Relatives of John Jones.

Wallace Gallup, a brother-in-law of John Jones of Barre town, died four days ago at his home in South Royalton. Yesterday word came that Mrs. Gallup had died of pneumonia, having been taken sick at about the time her husband died. One son who resides in the West has arrived in South Royalton. Mrs. Gallup's maiden name was Helen Jones. John Jones of Barre town is the only one left of the family of children.

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